

Tosho-Kon@SPL Cosplay Contest

Costume Rules

- The library is open during Tohso-Kon@SPL. Costumes should meet the library's patron policy.
- Shoes/sandals are required. No bare torsos or midriffs. You may wear a skin tone leotard under clothes if your character would normally have a bare midriff.
- If you have bare or socked feet, or bare torso or midriff, you will asked to put on shoes or sandals, or to put on or rearrange your top. If you do not have these items, you will be allowed to go get them or send/call someone to bring them to you.
- No live steel or weapons, even peace tied. Props should be made of cardboard, foam, plastic, etc.

How to Enter

- You'll receive a badge number when you sign in.
- Time is set aside during the day for participants to parade through the library and in front of Tosho-Kon@SPL attendees. You will be asked to state your entry number and what your costume is. If you have a brief skit, you can do it at your turn in front of Tosho-Kon@SPL attendees.
- Library Staff will judge costumes during the parade around the library and in the Tosho-Kon@SPL room.
- There will be a winner for Best Overall Costume, and a winner for Best Cosplay.
- Best Overall Costume may include original characters, general historic costume, etc. This includes "mash up" characters, e.g. Sailor Muriel (if the Little Mermaid were a Sailor Senshi).
- Best Cosplay is set aside for those wearing outfits recognizable as a specific character from anime, manga, light novels, video games, etc.

Disqualifications

- Not following the Costume Rules will disqualify you from the contest.

Judging Criteria

- Overall impression carries the most weight. Is it striking to look at, original in design, or a not-commonly cosplayed character? If it's for cosplay, is there a pose or skit involved?
- Our contest doesn't distinguish between handmade and store bought, but fine handiwork will be admired.
- When you announce what your costume is and/or perform your skit, make sure everyone can hear you!
- There is one prize for each category. If a group decides to cosplay and wins, the group will have to share the prize.

If you have any questions, email libinfo@wylietexas.gov with the Subject line **Tosho-Kon@SPL Cosplay Contest**.

Good luck!